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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT -- PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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1. EMBASSY NAIROBI INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT FOREIGN CORRES-
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PONDENTS ASSOCIATION OF EAST AFRICA, REPRESENTING NAIROBI-

BASED CORRESPONDENTS, WANTS TO CHARTER PRESS PLANE TO MEET SECRETARY IN EACH COUNTRY ON AFRICAN ITINERARY. ABOUT 15 OR 20 CORRESPONDENTS, SEVERAL REPRESENTING AMERICAN MEDIA, WOULD BE INCLUDED ON FLIGHT.

2. WHILE OBVIOUSLY DEPWRTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THEIR PLAN, IT UNFORTUNATELY IS NOT IN POSITION TO OBTAIN BLANKET ACCREDITATION FOR PRESS FLIGHT OR TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CORRESPONDENTS. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE HANDLED BY ASSOCIATION OR CORRESPONDENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT AT EACH STOP TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE WITHIN LIMITATIONS OF SMALL SUPPORT STAFFS AT EACH EMBASSY.

4. ADDRESSEE POSTS REQUESTED TO FURNISH DEPARTMENT SOONEST INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF HOTEL SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL JOURNALISTS, AND TO PLAN FOR PRESS ROOM AND TELEX FACILITIES ADEQUATE TO HANDLE NEEDS OF ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS. PLEASE INFO RESPONSES TO EMBASSY NAIROBI.

5. POSTS ALSO SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER THEY WOULD ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS OF THESE CORRESPONDENTS OBTAINING VISAS ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE.

6. FOR NAIROBI: WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT AND EACH POST TO BE VISITED WITH NAME AND OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION OF EACH CORRESPONDENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE VISA ISSUANCE IF CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED? TOPIC MAGAZINE STAFF/WASHINGTON INTERESTED IN SEAT FOR DICK SAUNDERS ON CHARTER FLIGHT.

7. FOR DAR ES SALAAM: UNABLE TO GIVE FIRM ANSWER RE ADEQUACY OF CITED PRESS FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL DECISION MADE BY NAIROBI CORRESPONDENTS ON CHARTER PLANE.

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